



# OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF JOLIET-IN-ILLINOIS

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**OUR VISION: TO OFFER EVERY PERSON A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER  
WITH JESUS, GROW DISCIPLES, AND SEND THEM ON MISSION.**

## PARISH PRIESTS

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Deacon Tim Kueper  
Deacon Tony Martini  
Deacon Mike Plese  
Deacon Phil Rehmer  
Deacon Art Tiongson

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday .....8:00am  
Monday (Spanish Mass-begins 7/13)...6:30pm  
Tuesday.....8:00am, 6:30pm  
Thursday.....6:30am, 8:00am  
Saturday.....8:30am  
  
Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday)..... 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:00am, 10:00am  
12:00pm, 5:30pm

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday.....7:00-8:00pm  
Saturday.....9:00-10:00am  
1:30-2:30pm  
1st Fridays of the Month.....8:30-9:15am  
Or by Appointment

## PRAYER CHAPEL

Open Daily .....7:00am-8:00pm  
Adoration.....Monday & Thursday  
8:30am-6:00pm  
Benediction.....Monday & Thursday  
6:00pm



*Congratulations to Deacon Tony Learzo  
and his family.*

*We look forward to your ministry at OLM!*

August 23, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



From The Pastor's Desk...  
Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Today we offer congratulations to parishioner Tony Leazzo who was one of 17 men from our Diocese ordained a Permanent Deacon yesterday by Bishop Richard Pates at the Cathedral in Joliet. Congratulations as well to Tony's wife Jennifer and sons Tony and Michael. The years of study and formation for the permanent diaconate requires much support from spouses and family. Now if I can just get sons Tony, Jr. or Michael to become a priest, just think - their dad could deacon their first Mass!

It is important to remember that Permanent Deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders and ARE *Ordained* ministers of the Church. With Deacon Tony, we now have six permanent deacons serving Our Lady of Mercy parish. Deacons Tim Kueper, Tony Martini, Mike Plese, Phil Rehmer and Art Tiongson. What do permanent deacons do? First, they are proclaimers of the Word and Service. By proclaiming the Gospel at Mass and occasionally preaching, they evangelize. By being of service to the parish and community, they serve the needs of others. In addition to certain liturgical roles at Mass, they may baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral rites, lead prayer services and conduct exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Each deacon has also taken on other specific ministries in the parish in addition to the roles mentioned above. Deacon Tim is somewhat retired, but still continues the roles mentioned above. Deacon Tony Martini is involved in baptism preparation ministry. Deacon Mike is involved with EDGE and LIGHT. Deacon Phil is involved with Hesed House. Deacon Art is involved with the Charismatic prayer ministry and home blessings. Deacon Tony Leazzo will be involved with the St. Peregrine prayer ministry and since he is a doctor, I've asked him to begin a support group for parishioners who work professionally in the medical fields.

Our permanent deacons are a blessing to all of us. I thank them for their ministry and their wives and families for sharing their husbands and fathers with us!

I want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we have revised our Mass and confession schedule several times since the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to inform you of one more change affecting the weekday Mass schedule. Beginning this September, Mass on Wednesdays will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon, not at 8:00AM. I am the only priest at OLM on Wednesdays. This change in our Wednesday Mass time enables me to celebrate the 8:15AM Mass at All Saints Catholic Academy on a regular basis. We have several families with children at ASCA. In addition, OLM has a new relationship with ASCA that I will explain in my article next week.

Have a blessed week!

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***New Schedule******Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions*****Monday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:00 AM † Paulus Khim, by Muliando Chua  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction  
 6:30 PM Spanish Mass Intention of the Presider

**Tuesday, August 25 - St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

8:00 AM † Ellen Pandolfi, by Mary Houdek  
 6:30 PM † Darlene Maart, by Asuan Family  
 7:00-8:00 PM Reconciliation

**Wednesday, August 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Walter Soltysik, by Family

**Thursday, August 27 - St. Monica**

6:30 AM † Jose Antonia Guarez, by Manzanares Family  
 8:00 AM † Earl Gurnack, by Mary Ann Gurnack  
 8:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Benediction

**Friday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church**

8:00 AM Int Jeff Calhoun, by Jeannine Malone

**Saturday, August 29 - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

8:30 AM Int Alfonse Rajasekhar & Family  
 9:00-10:00 AM Reconciliation  
 1:30-2:30 PM Reconciliation  
 4:00 PM **Vigil - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 † Kenneth Hickey, by Karen Hickey  
 † Jeff Thompson, by Sharon Fernandez

**Sunday, August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
 † Sally Rumsey, by Theresa Kobal  
 † Elinor Werle, by Dcn Phil & Jean Rehmer  
 10:00 AM † Merlin Baur, by The Griffins Family  
 12:00 PM The People of OLM  
 5:30 PM Int of the Lavine Family by John & Carol Shea

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS**

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

- |                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Megan Gabaldon                | 9. The Feldman Family      |
| 2. The Sick                      | 10. Michelle Riko          |
| 3. Banuelos Family               | 11. Special Intention-C.H. |
| 4. Diane Pazos                   | 12. Grandparents           |
| 5. Madeline Spradlin             | 13. Helen Joseph           |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra         | 14. Keep Students Safe     |
| 7. The Deceased                  | 15. The Pluskota Family    |
| 8. Amadita Madera & Her Daughter | 16. The Homeless           |

*If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.*

**We remember in prayer those in service to our country**

TSgt Leah Harvey, USAF  
 Airman Melanie Hodges, US Navy  
 Nicholas Laurie, US Marines  
 SSG Sean Murphy, USMC  
 Capt. Tara Trammell, US Army  
 Roberto Ramos, US Army  
 Lt. Joshua Puscas, US Navy  
 Capt. Keith Harris, USAF  
 SSG Gina Maro, USAF  
 Juan Gabriel Sindac, USAF  
 Aaron Godinez, US Marines  
 SPC Mason Webber, US Army  
 LC/Cprl Ryan Ludwig, US Marines  
 Capt. Brian Strohmaier, US Army  
 Elizabeth Pattermann, US Marine  
 Ensign Marion Eunece Bautista, US Navy  
 SSG Karla Venegas, US Army  
 SSG Jeremy Norris, US Army  
 Capt. Carmen Lockett, US Army

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES**

Weekday 8:00AM, Saturday 8:30AM, Sunday 10:00AM

We are now taking intentions for the Tues. 6:30PM, Thur. 6:30AM and Sat. 8:30AM Masses.

**We pray for our sick, confined and their families**

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

Mark Hoeksema	William Nimmow	Joyce Craig
Wayne Draper	Jill Brisceno	John Swanston
Ailani Banulos	Lexi Brisceno	Robert Ciulla
Julia Schremp	Michael Butler	Bridget Garry
Kathy Walowski	Hailey Hartnett	David Bakke
Flo Paprzycki	Thomas F. Sterling	Bill Morse
Helga Manglinong	La Moua	Nancy Higgins
Michael Dandan	Valerie Plesha	Marilyn Reich
Charlene Oates	Hedy Sterling	Jim Horton
Maria Luna	Diane Pazos	Helen Joseph
	Diane Singer	

*Please note: Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.*



DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR.....  
¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!

Hoy ofrecemos nuestras felicitaciones al feligrés Tony Leazzo, quien fue uno de los 17 hombres de nuestra Diócesis que fue ordenado Diácono Permanente ayer por el Obispo Richard Pates en la Catedral de Joliet. Felicitaciones también a la esposa de

Tony, Jennifer, y a sus hijos Tony y Michael. Los años de estudio y formación para el diaconado permanente requieren mucho apoyo de los cónyuges y familiares. Ahora bien, si solo puedo conseguir que los hijos Tony Jr. o Michael se conviertan en sacerdote; piensen, ¡su padre podría ser diácono en su primera Misa!

Es importante recordar que los Diáconos Permanentes reciben el Sacramento del Orden Sagrado y SON ministros *Ordenados* de la Iglesia. Con el Diácono Tony, ahora tenemos seis diáconos permanentes que sirven en la parroquia de Our Lady of Mercy. Los Diáconos son Tim Kueper, Tony Martini, Mike Plese, Phil Rehmer y Art Tiongson. ¿Qué hacen los diáconos permanentes? Primero, son proclamadores de la Palabra y el Servicio. Al proclamar el Evangelio en la Misa y ocasionalmente predicar, evangelizan. Al estar al servicio de la parroquia y la comunidad, atienden las necesidades de los demás. Además de ciertos roles litúrgicos en la Misa, pueden bautizar, presenciar matrimonios, llevar a cabo ritos funerarios, dirigir servicios de oración y realizar exposiciones y bendiciones del Santísimo Sacramento. Cada diácono también ha asumido otros ministerios específicos en la parroquia además de los roles mencionados anteriormente. El diácono Tim está parcialmente jubilado, pero aún continúa desempeñando los roles mencionados anteriormente. El diácono Tony Martini está involucrado en el ministerio de preparación para el bautismo. El diácono Mike está involucrado con EDGE y LIGHT. El diácono Phil está involucrado con Hesed House. El diácono Art está involucrado con el ministerio de oración Carismática y las bendiciones del hogar. El diácono Tony Leazzo participará en el ministerio de oración de San Peregrino y, como es médico, le he pedido que comience un grupo de apoyo para los feligreses que trabajan profesionalmente en los campos de la medicina.

Nuestros diáconos permanentes son una bendición para todos nosotros. ¡Les agradezco por su ministerio y a sus esposas y familias por compartir a sus esposos y padres con nosotros!

Quiero agradecer a todos por su paciencia y comprensión, ya que hemos modificado nuestro programa de Misas y confesiones varias veces desde la pandemia del COVID-19. Quiero informarles de un cambio más que afecta el horario de Misas de la semana. A partir de este mes de septiembre, la Misa de los miércoles se celebrará a las 12:00 del mediodía, no a las 8:00am. Soy el único sacerdote en OLM los miércoles. Este cambio en el horario de la Misa de los miércoles me permite celebrar la Misa de las 8:15am en la Academia Católica All Saints (ASCA) de forma regular. Tenemos varias familias con niños en ASCA. Además, OLM tiene una nueva relación con ASCA que explicaré en mi artículo la semana que viene.

¡Que tengan una bendecida semana!

*Padre Don*

## CONFIANZA

Las llaves son de gran importancia para quienes las llevan. Representan la confianza y la autoridad del dueño cuando son entregadas a otra persona. Quizás demos la llave de nuestra casa a un amigo de confianza para que la cuide en nuestra ausencia. Quizás damos las llaves a alguien responsable del mantenimiento u obras de un edificio en particular. Las llaves de vehículos se dan a personas que demuestran ser conductores responsables. Las lecturas de hoy se enfocan en este tipo de confianza, la confianza que confiere autoridad y responsabilidad. En la Primera Lectura, el símbolo específico es una llave, pero en la Segunda Lectura y en el Evangelio se habla de confianza y liderazgo ya que se refiere a la Iglesia terrena que Jesús estableció. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26
- Miércoles: 2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 124 (123):1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
- Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51
- Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:14-30
- Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mc 6:17-29
- Domingo: Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27





August 23, 2020

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Imagine being in Peter's shoes. We have listened to the Sermon on the Mount and been comforted and sometimes challenged by Jesus' teachings. We have watched him heal the sick and forgive sinners. We've faltered at times and seen Jesus face down skeptics. Then Jesus turns to us and asks: "Who do you say that I am?" How would we answer? Peter, not yet knowing that Jesus will suffer, die, and rise, proclaims: "You are Christ, the Son of the Living God." For Peter, this would be the beginning; he would devote his life to building up the Church. Centuries later, we proclaim his words in the Nicene Creed that Jesus is the Son of God. As with Peter, this is just our starting point. Knowing who Jesus is compels us to devote our lives to building up the kingdom of God on earth.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We know more about learning styles now, but most of us can remember two kinds of students: The front-row students who shot up their hand before a teacher finished asking the question ("Call on me, please!"), and the back-row kids who avoided eye contact, wishing they were invisible. Peter seems to have been one of those front-row students. When Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" he didn't hesitate. If Jesus asked that question today, would we hold back, check Google, or speak boldly as Peter did? As Jesus goes on to say, God put those words in Peter's heart. God speaks to us, too, through the Scriptures, silent prayer, and the examples of saintly men and women who have touched our lives. We don't have to worry about being "called on," but we are all called to answer by sharing Jesus' saving message with those around us. Like Peter, none of us is perfect; we don't have to be. If we open our hearts and minds to Jesus and his words, we, too, can build up the Church through service, welcome, and generosity.

**PRAY** Jesus, you called and chose Peter, with his strengths and his weaknesses, to be the rock on which your Church was built. You call and choose me, with my unique strengths and weaknesses, to build your kingdom in the world I live in today. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to speak boldly as Peter did, proclaiming your Good News to the world. Amen.



## OUR LADY of MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

August 4, 2020

**REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 12**

Dear Parents and Families in our Religious Education Program,

As our various public school districts announce their plans for opening school in August/September, the words of President Abraham Lincoln came to my mind as he addressed congress during the civil war: "our time is piled high with difficulties....so we must think anew, and act anew." This is certainly true of our times in dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. Schools, parents and students must think anew, and act anew - so it is with us, and our religious education program at Our Lady of Mercy. Having consulted with a parent group and our staff, we have made the following decisions regarding our Religious Education Program this year at Our Lady of Mercy.

The safety of our children, parents, volunteer catechists and staff is of utmost importance. As we will comply with classroom/building occupancy limits set forth by the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois as well as all other COVID-19 safety protocols here is what to expect:

K – 5 program will be a family model of faith story sessions done at home with parents taking the lead. With an exceptional, user-friendly resource and a consistent partnership with Mary Jo, the RE Staff and catechist mentors we anticipate that families will be enriched in our Catholic faith like never before! The program is available in English or Spanish. Additionally, Mary Jo is offering online Faith Enrichment component to the Faith Stories series, as well as a specific Catholic faith focus for families each month. To give families time to adjust to their new "normal" at their public schools, we will start the program in October and it ends in April. Although there will be no traditional classes in our building this year, we do hope to have a few onsite, family events second semester.

EDGE (6 – 8) September through December will be done online at home. January through April we hope to have two Mondays a month in the building. Dave Miserendino along with the EDGE Catechists will be coordinating this program.

LIGHT (9 – 12) will be a combination of "non-gathered" sessions and "gathered" sessions.

Information and further details about the program for all three levels of Religious Education is available on the Parish Website. Click the "Formation" tab and scroll down to each grade level program.

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### What to Consider Before You Decide to Socialize

We are not living in an easy time. There are so many things to consider in our decisions regarding the spread of COVID-19 and our health. The answers to our questions are not always clear. When deciding to get together with others, the following questions are offered as a guide to assess the risk of transmission of socializing with those outside of your household. *Will you be outside or inside?* Staying physically apart is important if you are inside or outside as the coronavirus travels mostly via respiratory droplets. It is less likely that the virus will carry or stay suspended in the air when you are outside, but still it is advised to stay several feet away. *Will masks be worn?* Wearing a mask limits the spread of droplets when a person talks/laughs/sneezes/coughs and may protect you. It is advised to wear a mask especially when you are socializing inside and be at least six feet apart from others. *How many people will be at the gathering?* The risk of transmission increases as the number of people getting together increases in number. *How long will the event last?* If someone has the virus (with or without) symptoms the longer the exposure, the risk of transmission increases. The best choice is to limit interactions to about an hour or less, be outside, wear masks and be at least six feet apart. *Are the people you are with following the guidelines of wearing masks, distancing and hand hygiene?* *Are they exposed to others?* This is a time to be honest with others about the safeguards you are taking and who you are socializing with especially where children and older people in your life are concerned. By knowing the risks that you are taking, a person can make a decision on whether they are comfortable being with you and in what settings.



Personal choice and risk assessment play a part in deciding on getting together with others. Remember that you could be contagious and spread the coronavirus without knowing it. Other people may be affected by the risks you have taken. It is difficult to be isolated from our family and friends. God created us to be in community with others. During these uncertain times, it is important to make smart, educated choices when deciding to connect with others in person. Keep in mind to practice the measures that we know assist in decreasing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 as mentioned above. We need to work together to protect one another and think of safe ways to stay in touch with our loved ones and friends. (Source: *5 Questions to Ask Before You Decide to Socialize* by Hansa D. Bhargava, MD, WebMD)



### The Superfoods of Summer

During the summer months, there are foods available in grocery stores, food markets or from your own garden that have a variety of health benefits. Cherries are rich in anthocyanin, an antioxidant that helps fight inflammation and eases joint pain. Swiss chard contains magnesium and potassium which are essential minerals to manage blood pressure and prevent osteoporosis. Avocado provides heart-healthy monounsaturated fat and has fourteen grams of fiber in each one. Fresh corn contains healthy nutrients and is so good in the summer on or off the cob after cooked. It is considered a starchy vegetable so eat corn instead of another starch. Summer squash (zucchini and yellow squash) are sources of vitamin C, lutein and zeaxanthin – antioxidants that keep eyesight sharp and boost the immune system. Peaches are a source of potassium, vitamin-C and weight-controlling fiber. Cantaloupe is a source of vitamin C, potassium and folate; honeydew is a source of vitamin C, potassium, fiber, folate and vitamin B6; watermelon is loaded with lycopene, linked to a decrease in the risk of cancer, heart disease and age-related eye disorders, vitamin A, vitamin C and potassium. Blueberries have disease-fighting antioxidants and boost the brain. Take advantage of the abundance of these superfoods this summer to boost your immune system and have a positive impact on your health!

### Our True Source of Strength

During these challenging times, it is important to remember that God's love is our true source of strength. God is with us to shoulder our burdens and face our difficulties in life. "Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10)

You are not alone. If you are struggling with financial, emotional or spiritual needs or need support but do not know where to turn – please reach out to Jolene LeRoy RN Director of Pastoral Care to be connected with parish ministries and resources at 331-707-5380 or at [joleneel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). God bless you with His peace, joy and love!



### Top 10 Reasons To Experience Alpha @ OLM

1. More than ever, there is a need to connect.
2. More than ever, we have the opportunity to re-evaluate our lives.
3. Search for life's deepest meaning and examine your happiness.
4. Explore Christianity and Jesus.
5. Meet like-minded seekers who try to figure out what this life is all about.
6. No question is too dumb and you can share your point of view on anything without feeling isolated.
- 7. Are you a believer in Jesus, try Alpha just the same; a renewal in the faith is so strengthening especially in these times.**
8. It's fun— truly!
9. It can be the zoom experience you'll look forward to. (Yes we are all zoomed out, but we have to pivot and make the most of the situation we are in).
10. There is also in-person Alpha following socially distant precautionary measures.

We hope to see you, register at  
OLMERCY.COM/ALPHA

Connect with [zara@olmercy.com](mailto:zara@olmercy.com) with any questions; she'd

## Becoming Catholic

# RCIA

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but haven't yet received all your sacraments? Start your RCIA journey this September! We will begin with the widely acclaimed ALPHA and guide you into the fullness of the Catholic faith that you are called to experience and enjoy! Virtual accommodations are available.

For more information, please contact Jean Rehmer at 331-707-5375 or [jeanr@olmercy.com](mailto:jeanr@olmercy.com)

### Join us

#### Friday, September 4, 2020

*The Respect Life Ministry invites you to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora every First Friday. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 3 pm to change hearts and save lives.*

Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst1> or please call Jane Fonner at (630) 851-8433 or email [janefonner@comcast.net](mailto:janefonner@comcast.net)



### Parish Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 08/09/20)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$	169,357
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	163,200
<b>Amount in Excess of Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,157</b>
08/09/20 Sunday Collection:	\$	23,900
Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$	27,200
<b>Amount in Short of Goal:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(3,300)</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!!*

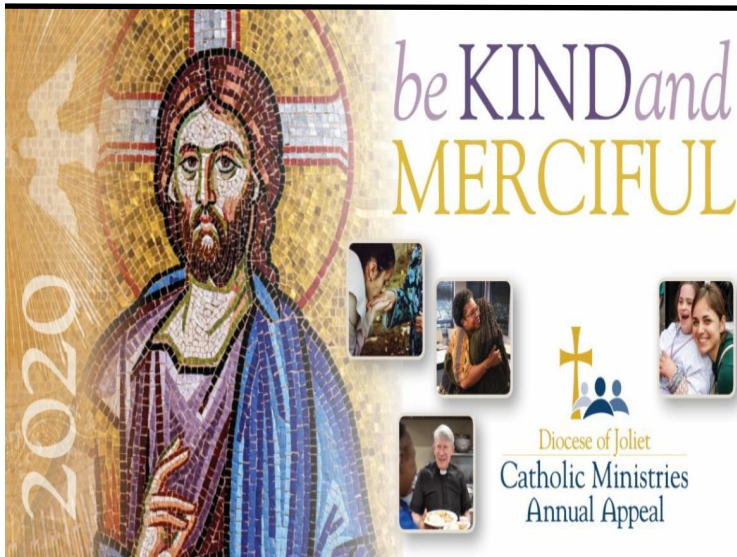
For the Budget Year 2020/21 we have reduced the Parish Sunday goal by %15, to \$27,200 per week, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This was due in part to the Budget shortfall that we had during the 2019/2020 year.



#### Online Giving

Online Giving is a great way to help your parish staff while supporting Our Lady of Mercy. Signing up is easy - you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website at [www.olmercy.com](http://www.olmercy.com) and click the Online Giving logo to get started. If you need assistance, directions can be found on the parish website listed under the Online Giving Link. There is also a help video located on the Online Giving website. It can be found at the top of each page. **Note: If you are giving online and would no longer like to receive envelopes in the mail, please inform the parish office.**

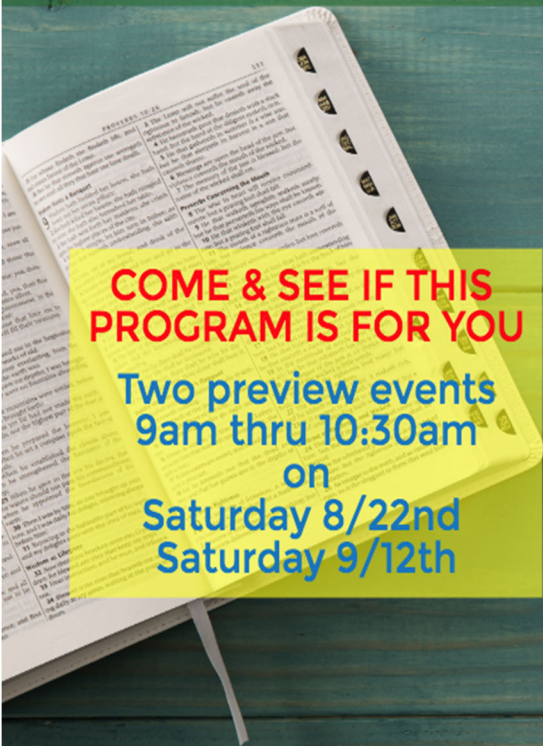
Construction loan for building the Parish Life Center	
April, 2009	\$1,950,000
June, 2020	\$ 810,420
July, 2020	\$ 799,068



It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$	146,700
Amount Pledged	\$	175,979
Amount Paid	\$	136,284
Remaining Balance	\$	39,695
Rebate Amount	\$	0
# of Families Pledged		676

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 Sunday: 8:00a Fr Don McLaughlin  
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To view a full job description visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=593>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

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**HOSPITALIZATION:** If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second Sundays of the month. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

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